

## St Kieran's College Reunion 2019

On Friday next, 21st June, at 7.30pm there will be the annual reunion dinner of all past pupils at St Kieran's College. We would especially like to welcome back those celebrating special anniversaries those who finished in 1959 (60 year); 1969 (50); 1989 (30); 1994 (25) and all in-between. Come along to meet up with old friends in familiar surroundings. Dinner starts at 7.30pm and tickets (€25) are still available by calling 056 7721086 (Ext 100).

### Grow - Kilkenny

Are you? Struggling with Anxiety or Depression? Finding Life Difficult? Isolated? GROW is here to help you

Our Mental Health Support groups are free and confidential and open to all, no referral or booking needed. Meeting Times are:

Tuesday @ 10am. Venue: Grow Office Barrack Street

Wednesday @ 8pm Venue: Grow Office Barrack Street

Friday @ 10.30am. Venue: Grow Office Barrack Street

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Please contact Mary 087 2843424

### Lough Derg Challenge

Did you ever think of being a Priest? Begin A Journey of Discovery...

A Pilgrimage for Young Adults (18 +) 26th - 28th July 2019

Who am I called to be? What can I do to bring the Love and Mercy of God to women and men of today? How can I share the Gospel of Joy with the world around me?

It's never too early or late to discover God's dream for you. For further information: Fr

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**Newsletter Deadline:** Thursdays 12.00 noon **SVP Help Line:** 086 895 1239

Fr Frank Purcell: 086 601 0001; Fr Brian Griffin: 087 064 4158; Fr Lorcan Moran: 086 855 0521

#### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mary Brennan; Alan Burke; Margaret Cleere; Paul Colgan; Fr Brian Griffin;  
Siobhán McKiernan; Fr Lorcan Moran; Aidan Phelan; Fr Frank Purcell; Pat Ryan.

#### SAFEGUARDING

##### IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Mr Cathal Cullen, 087 100 0232 - [dlp@ossory.ie](mailto:dlp@ossory.ie)

##### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Kathleen Ferguson; Phil Curran; Brenda Whitely; Marian Eardly.

## PARISH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

*incorporating | St John's | Dunmore | Johnswell | church areas*

#### MASS TIMES

**St John's – Sundays & Holy Days:** Vigil: 6.30 p.m.; Sun: 8.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 12 noon & 7.30 p.m.

**Polish Mass:** 2nd Sun. monthly, 2.00 p.m.; **Weekdays:** 8.00 a.m. & 10.30 a.m. (Sat. 10.30 a.m. only)

**Johnswell – Sunday** 10.00 a.m.

**Dunmore – Sunday** 11.00 a.m.

The Most Holy Trinity - 16th June 2019

## Our Annual Parish Outing

Our Annual Parish Outing takes place this Wednesday, June 19th. Judging by the demand for seats, this year's outing is proving to be more popular than many other outings in recent years. We have now sourced an extra (smaller) bus to accommodate those who had been placed on a waiting list.

Buses will depart O'Loughlin Gaels car-park at 9:20 a.m. and return to Kilkenny at approx. 6.30pm. Please God, the weather will be good (*can't be any worse than last week!*) and that we'll all have a safe trip and a most enjoyable outing.

A word of gratitude and appreciation is appropriate to the hardworking and dedicated '**Seniors Committee**' who arrange such events, as well as caring for and maintaining the **Homes for The Elderly** on the Church Grounds. Well done and thank you from the parish for all your work, much of which sometimes goes unnoticed or taken for granted.

### Peter's Pence Collection

The Annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up at all masses next week-end. This collection enables the Holy Father give emergency financial aid to the neediest throughout the world – e.g. those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

### Cemetery Masses

The Annual Cemetery Mass in **St Kieran's Cemetery** will be celebrated on **Friday, 28th June at 7.30pm.**

The Cemetery Masses in **Dunmore and Johnswell** Cemeteries will be celebrated on **Friday, 5th July at 7.30pm.**

## BEREAVEMENTS

### Recently Deceased:

Peter Donnelly, Radestown Lane.  
 Tom Moloney, Warrington.  
 Adrian Murphy, Maudlin Street.  
 Breda Hamilton, Ardnore.  
 Tony Tierney, Bamford Cross. Funeral Mass Sun. 2.00pm Cuffesgrange.  
 Bridget Hayes, Bennettsbridge, late of MI. St. Funeral Mass Mon in BB 11a.m.

### Month's Mind:

Mag Hill & Babs O'Connor (11.00am).  
 Pat Kelleher

### Anniversaries:

Mary & Paddy Walsh (6.30pm); Kitty & Baby Bill Bennett (10.00am);  
 Michael Brett (10.30am); John Nolan (12.00 noon); Philip Drohan (7.30pm);  
 Richard Bergin; Ken, Theresa & Jim Foley; Agnes Carew; Margaret Cody;  
 Mary Dermody; Gretta & Simon Brennan; Thomas, Bridget & Jimmy Grace;  
 Margaret & Abraham Anderson;.

### Readers for Next Weekend – Page 83 (C.Vol 2)

6.30pm Bridget Ahearn  
 8.00am Margaret Leahy  
 10.30am Seamus Brennan & Deirdre Dowling  
 12.00noon Mary Lynch  
 7.30pm Ann Fitzpatrick  
 Johnswell Robert Butler  
 Dunmore Stephanie Butler & Roger Curran

### Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend: Panel 2

### Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €955

Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## 'Paco's Father'

Spanish story: Father and Son became estranged. The son ran away, and the father set off to find him. He searched for months to no avail. Finally, in a last desperate effort to find him, the father put an ad in a Madrid newspaper.

The ad read: Dear Paco, meet me in front of this newspaper's office at noon on Saturday. All is forgiven. I love you. Your Father. **On Saturday 800 Pacos showed up, all looking for forgiveness and love from their fathers.**

## Mass Intentions for the coming Week

**Monday:** Richard Bergin (8.00am).

**Thursday:** Ken, Theresa & Jim Foley (10.30am).

**Saturday:** Pat Kelleher (10.30am)  
 Keith & Gina Fleming (6.30pm).

**Sunday:** Thomas & Clare Drennan (10.30am).  
 Richard & Mary Hennessy (11.00am).  
 Tommy O'Connell (12.00 noon).  
 Margaret Heffernan (7.30pm).

## St Joseph's Young Priests' Society

A meeting of the St John's Branch of St Joseph's Young Priests' Society will take place in the Presbytery on Monday June 17th at 11.00am. All are welcome.

### Johnswell Fun Run

Sunday 16th June at 1pm  
 5k and Family Fun Day afterwards in  
 Johnswell School  
 Face painting & Bouncy Castle  
 Come and enjoy the day

### Cake Sale

Cake Sale in aid of the *Medjugorje Youth Group* this weekend, June 15th & 16th, after all masses. Please support!

## Happy Fathers' Day

Today we honour our Fathers. And that's a good thing!  
 Sometimes maybe Dads don't get as much respect as they genuinely deserve.

A doting Father used to sing his little children to sleep. He even learned a few lullabies to lend some variety to the task. This was something he could do at night to help his wife out.

And he kept up this task until one night he overheard his four-year-old give her younger brother this advice, "If you pretend you're asleep," she said, "he stops singing. Poor Dad, sure he hasn't a note in his head" That was the end of the lullabies!

Jesus once described the kingdom of God in this way:  
 "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground.  
 Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how . . ."

Now Jesus is not talking about fatherhood in this passage, but isn't this the very first area in which we participate in the coming of God's kingdom to earth?  
 It is in the raising of our children. The raising of good children is like scattering good seed upon the ground for the spread, the growth and the flourishing of God's Family and here on earth....